

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this Application.

1-79. (Canceled)

80. (New) An assembly of protected prefinished fiber cement products comprising a plurality of protected prefinished fiber cement articles arranged in a stack, wherein a protected prefinished fiber cement product comprises:

a fiber cement product, a non-adhesive finish layer applied to the fiber cement product, and a multilayer protective layer consisting essentially of a polyethylene film and an ethylene acrylic acid adhesive layer, said protective layer adhered to the finish layer by said ethylene acrylic acid adhesive layer, wherein

the protective layer protects the finish layer from damage in storage, transport, and handling,

removing the protective layer leaves no residue on the finish layer and does not damage the finish layer, and

the protective layer resists tearing on removal.

81. (New) The protected prefinished fiber cement product of claim 80, wherein the protective layer is from about 0.0001 inch to about 0.08 inch thick.

82. (New) The protected prefinished fiber cement product of claim 81, wherein the protective layer is from about 0.0003 inch to about 0.03 inch thick.

83. (New) The protected prefinished fiber cement product of claim 82, wherein the protective layer is from about 0.001 inch to about 0.01 inch thick.

84. (New) The assembly of claim 80, wherein the protected prefinished fiber cement products are banded together.

85. (New) The assembly of claim 80, wherein the protected prefinished fiber cement products are stacked on a pallet.